

SENATE BILL 3927
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title
68, Chapters 102 and 221, relative to electrical
inspections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-143, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The commissioner of commerce and insurance may, in addition to the preceding provisions, appoint any person who may be known to the commissioner as being competent and skilled in making such inspections of buildings and their contents, as deputy inspectors in this division, who shall have all the power of other deputies and assistants to enter any building or premises to make inspections of such buildings and their contents, and to report such inspections in writing to the commissioner's office, where they find faulty or hazardous conditions. Such deputy inspectors shall be duly commissioned.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-143(b)(1), is amended by deleting the following language: "inspectors for their compensation are" and substituting instead the following language: "commissioner is".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-143, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() The commissioner of commerce and insurance shall have the discretion to contract with an entity or entities to provide the services of the deputy inspectors that are required by this section.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-153, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Neither the state fire marshal nor the state fire marshal's deputies or assistants, nor employees of any entity that contracts with the state fire marshal to perform electrical inspections, may disconnect or terminate the electrical services at any residential customer's residence until the following have been completed:

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-414(a), is amended by deleting the following language and punctuation: "employed by or under contract with the department of commerce and insurance," and substituting instead the following language: "employed by the department of commerce and insurance, or an employee of an entity under contract for electrical inspections with the department of commerce and insurance,"

SECTION 6. For purposes of effectuating the intent of this act, the commissioner of commerce and insurance is authorized to promulgate rules by public necessity pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law for the purposes of rulemaking and shall take effect on July 1, 2006, for all other purposes, the public welfare requiring it.